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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : *S.C. Burroughs*
 SAC, DENVER (62-796)

DATE: December 13, 1951

SUBJECT: ALBERT FRANCIS SCHEELER, was.
 ET AL
 MISCELLANEOUS
 POLICE CO-OPERATION

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~*General Investigative Intelligence*

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau and Denver dated August 9, 1951, entitled "Criminal Informant SP-3," Bufile 62-72783, Minneapolis file 66-553, relating to activities of AL SCHEELER in the Denver area in July, 1951.

Referenced letter relates that it was reported that AL SCHEELER, on July 30, 1951, stated that he and his companions had just been in Denver, Colorado, where they engaged in a crap game and won approximately \$3,000.00, that they started to leave the game and it appeared that the proprietor of the game called the Sheriff's Office inasmuch as the Sheriff and his deputies stopped SCHEELER and his companions on the highway and searched them and the automobile. SCHEELER thought the Sheriff was looking for the money that they had won in the game but the money was hidden in the automobile and the Sheriff apparently could not locate it. It appears that thereafter SCHEELER accused the officers of taking the money from his suitcase and thereafter the officers appeared to become suspicious of each other. According to SCHEELER after this incident occurred, he and his companions were released by the officers.

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Referenced letter further reports that SCHEELER and his companions have a large collection of crooked dice with which they have been able to win large sums of money in the past.

~~EXPEDITE PROCEDURE~~

By teletype dated March 3, 1950, Denver informed Kansas City and Minneapolis that WILLIAM MARTIN, AL SCHEELER, and CLAUDE VAN were then in custody of the Sterling, Colorado, Sheriff's Office on charges of fleecing American Legion members at Sterling out of several thousand dollars in a gambling game. It was reported that these individuals had cards showing membership in the Elks, American Legion, Eagles, and Moose Lodges and were driving a 1948 Cadillac with a Minnesota license plate, number unknown. It appeared that subjects were accompanied by two other men in a 1950 Oldsmobile bearing 1950 Kansas license number 80-1420.

SLIP(S) _____
 DATE 3-28-50
 BY [Signature]

The following descriptions of these individuals were furnished by the Sterling, Colorado, Sheriff's Office:

PEB:MLD

CC: Minneapolis
 CC: 66-1399-3
 CC: 33-59

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Name	CLAUDE EDWARD VAN	WILLIAM MARTIN	ALBERT F. SCHEELER
Age	37	58	43
Height	6'	5'8"	6'2"
Weight	225	195	230
Complexion	Light	Ruddy	Light
Eyes	Blue	Blue gray	Brown
Hair	Blonde	Brown	Black
Build	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy
Birth	3/14/12, Cozad, Nebr.	7/1/91 Waverly, Minn.	3/10/05 Sioux City, Iowa
Residence	St. Paul	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
SO, Sterling	935	936	937
Arrest No.			

It was requested that Kansas City identify owner of license and that both offices determine whether MARTIN, SCHEELER or VAN were wanted.

By teletype dated March 3, 1951, Kansas City reported that one CLAUDE EDWARD VAN, F. B. I. No. 492851, had been arrested on numerous occasions, including an arrest in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 28, 1948, for possession of gambling devices. It was reported by Kansas City that 1950 Kansas license 80-1420 was issued to CALVIN ~~PHILLIPS~~, cafe owner, General Delivery, Goodland, Kansas, on a 1949 Oldsmobile Club Sedan, MN 8A75539. It was reported that this automobile had been brought into the State of Kansas from the State of Nebraska on about March 1, 1950, and had Nebraska Title No. 50-11202. It was reported that the Kansas City indices were negative as to this automobile and as to CALVIN ~~PHILLIPS~~.

By teletype dated March 6, 1951, Minneapolis informed Denver that WILLIAM MARTIN, AL SCHEELER and CLAUDE VAN were not wanted by the Minneapolis or St. Paul Police Departments or the Minnesota State Crime Bureau.

Minneapolis letter of September 29, 1951, entitled, "SP-3, CI," Bufile 62-72783, reflects that on September 15, 1951, informant saw AL SCHEELER, CAHILL, and KELLER at the Paddock Cigar Store on Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis and on that occasion, SCHEELER stated he had recently been out around Casper, Wyoming. SCHEELER is identified as ALBERT FRANCIS SCHEELER, F. B. I. No. 797390.